

To Whom It May
Concern:

It is with absolute outrage that I write this letter in protest of Sinclair's planned misuse and abuse of its broadcasting responsibilities by ordering its 62 stations to preempt regular programming to air an anti-Kerry documentary right before the election. This is a clear abuse of its power as a television broadcast group by using the public airwaves to run a smear campaign.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.